

Snow Searcher's Ski Club

SKI BLAST



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Message from the Prez...



Happy winter everyone!

Okay you

was too busy paying attention to her to ski, and I don't regret it.



guys. You can stop praying for snow! This is one of those years when there is so much snow, we can't even get out there to ski. Unfortunately, we just cancelled another day trip. We had plenty of people who were nearly pleading to go to Seven Springs on Friday, but the trip leaders were stranded in their homes, we had no way to get the money to pay for the trip, and we had no idea where everyone was going to park their cars when they caught the bus. This is down right embarrassing!

It is already February and I haven't even gotten a day out on the slopes yet! I have a good excuse though...my first grandchild arrived. I

We did have a very happy group of 29 skiers that made it to Winter Park. That trip report and pictures are in this issue of the Blast. I am quite envious, but my turn is coming up here shortly when we head out to Sunday River on the 21st of this month. Then the Big Sky trip will follow close after that one, and I'll be on that one to making up for the skiing that I've missed.

Listen up now -----

Please, please try to make the next meeting on Tuesday the

16th. Not only are we going to have the pre-trip party for the Sunday River and Big Sky groups, but we have something very impor-

tant on the agenda. Tax laws have changed for tax exempt groups...yes, that includes SSSC...and I'd like to tell people a little about that. But most important, I need to have as many members at the meeting as possible to vote on some changes we must make to our Bylaws. The changes are necessary to put us in a better position for the first-ever tax return we will have to be filing. I tremble even when I think of that! To give you a heads up on the Bylaws changes, I have listed in this Blast issue, the sections to be changed, the wording, and a short commentary on why it needs to be changed. If you feel you need additional information, the entire Bylaws document can be found on the Snow Searchers web-site.

*Dawn Brown
Grandma!*

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Special points of interest:

- General Meetings: Open to current and potential members - **Win Door Prizes!** Usually held at 5pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month during ski season. Bldg 72, training room (next to the Post Office).
- Board Meetings: Usually held the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 5pm



General Meeting – February 18th

Club Information

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Member of the Blue Ridge Ski Council



<http://www.skicouncil.com/>

Newsletter Deadline:

Third Tuesday of each month. Send info to Chris Vonk, Code 7102, chris.vonk@nrl.navy.mil



The NRL Snow Searchers Ski Club (SSSC) is a group dedicated to having a good time both on and off the slopes. The Club is open to employees of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), their spouses, friends, and other fun-loving people.

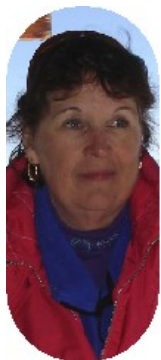
The Club specializes in one day ski and snowboard trips to nearby resorts in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia—all reachable within four hours by bus. The Club also sponsors several off season activities.



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News....

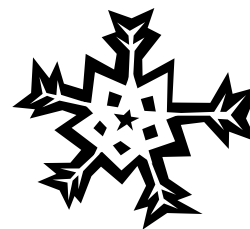


Do you recognize this smiling skier enjoying a break at Park City, Utah last year? Yes, it is Janet Absher. She has good reason to not smile right now. On January 30, Janet and Greg took their grandson Austin to WISP to celebrate his report card accomplishments.

And woe....she was hit by a snowboarder. Janet said he redeemed himself by stopping, worrying over her, and dashing off to get help. After the sled ride down the mountain, Janet was transported to nearby Oakland Hospital. In short order, she was diagnosed with a fractured hip, requiring surgery and 3 pins to put things back in order.

Janet was not to be deterred though. She wanted OUT of that hospital and home so she worked hard with her physical therapist, having "walker" races down hallways with other "broken" people and learning how to maneuver stairs once she got home. And speaking of home, she arrived back in her La Plata home in the nick of time to get snowed in by two plus feet of snow on February the 5th!

Janet is in very good spirits though, making jokes and finding the humor in her predicament. She is especially feeling sorry for her husband Greg who she knows is going crazy being snowed in with an invalid requiring nursing services. We all wish Janet a speedy recovery. We know she will take good care of rehabbing that hip so she can be back out on the slopes with us next year. Oh yes....Janet has a new orthopedist. And guess what? He is a snowboarder....



SSSC Skiers: As a reminder, our club is one of many area members of the Blue Ridge Ski Council (BRSC). Some of those clubs offer Summer and Fall trips sanctioned and advertised by BRSC. An example of one of these trips is found on **page 8** of this Ski Blast issue. For more information visit <http://www.skicouncil.com/> to view other trips offered by member BRSC ski clubs.

SSSC Wear

SSSC BASEBALL CAPS. Need a cap to ward off the sun's rays? There are a limited number of these great baseball caps left. Once they are gone there will be no more. \$20 each. Contact Mike Asbery (202) 404-3014 for more info, or see them at the next general meeting.



SHIRTS! SHIRTS! SHIRTS! – SSSC has great polo shirts for sale with the club logo. The polo shirts are 50/50 poly-cotton knit with chest pockets sporting the SSSC logo, welt knit collars and two pearl buttons. Colors are white with a black logo, and royal blue with a white logo. Sizes small to 2XL, \$15. There is a limited supply left so come to the next General Meeting to inspect the shirts and try them on for size. For more info contact Marcia Shepherd (301) 868-7538.



POLE FLAGS and NECK WALLET - Although ski season is over why not plan ahead and get your pole flags and/or neck wallets while they last? \$5 each. For more info contact Marcia Shepherd (301) 868-7538 or e-mail skiermjs@verizon.net





2010 Trip Schedule

Resort	Date	Bus Member/Non- Member/Kids	Lift	Rental	Lesson	Trip Leader
Wisp, MD	Friday Jan 8 (Hero Day)	40/45/20	19	36	15	Susan Piatt H=443-607-8201 C=410-903-5425 Skip Vaughn H=301-449-7560 C=301-523-3434
			\$39 Lift, Lesson, and Rental Package			
Blue Mountain, PA	Sunday Jan 17	40/45/20	42	20	13	
Cancelled						Dave Pettit C=240-678-7833 H=301-622-5051 Joe Mackrell W=202-404-7607 H=301-854-1462
Winter Park, CO	Sat-Sat Jan 24-30	\$950 pp (dbl occ) One single female slot remains				Brad Kuhn W=202-279-5081
Seven Springs, PA	Friday Feb 12	40/45/20	28	15/25 Ski/Brd	12	Mike Asbery W=202-404-3014 Skip Vaughn H=301-449-7560 C=301-523-3434
Cancelled						
Blue Mountain, PA	Friday Feb 19	40/45/20	27	19	14	
						Dick Hubbard W=202-767-2997 H=703-250-0566 Dawn Brown C=410-703-7762
Sunday River, ME	Sun-Fri Feb 21-26	FULL				Mike Asbery W=202-404-3014
Wild Card Best Snow	Sunday Mar 7	40/45/20	45	20/32 Ski/Brd	22	Dawn Brown C=410-703-7762
Big Sky, MT	Sat-Sat Mar 13-20	FULL				Dave Roberts W=202-767-2629 H=703-508-2664 Susan Piatt H=443-607-8201 C=410-903-5425

Bus Pickup Times

Naval Research Lab (Main Gate)	5:00am	**Blue Mtn—Reverse Pickup 5:00am
Springfield Commuter Parking Lot	5:15am	**Blue Mtn—Reverse Pickup 4:30am
Urbana Park and Ride	6:00am	Seven Springs, Wisp

Membership Meeting Tuesday, 16 February



The SSSC Snow Bunny says, "Don't Miss It. We have a very important agenda this month !!!"

Agenda

Discuss some very important changes coming to your ski club
Vote on changes to the club's Bylaws
Pretrip party for Sunday River, Maine
Pretrip party for Big Sky, Montana
Plenty of food
Plenty of beverages
Plenty of door prizes



Oh my gosh !!! Is this the yard of one of our members???

Baltimore Ski Club presents... Enchanting England Countryside Tour
October 1 – 10, 2010 ~ 10 days / 9 nights in England (One hotel change)
BSC/BRSC price \$2,180; Non-BSC/BRSC price \$2,195

Discover the best of England with this packed ten-day tour. After you've taken in all of **London's historic sights** you will be treated to excursions all over the South. **Canterbury** and **Salisbury** offer the spectacular cathedrals. **Oxford** and **Cambridge** are grand old University towns and need no introduction. Coastal **Brighton** is a mixture of Georgian elegance and nouveau chic. **Bath** is famous for its thermal spas and attractive architecture. The **Cotswolds** boast classic green English countryside. Finally, there is **Stonehenge** – one of the seven wonders of the medieval world. A great mix of new and old and of nature and magnificent buildings.

Contact Christopher Pukalski

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YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 (Friday) – Depart BWI on your nonstop flight to London
 Day 2 – LONDON. Transfers from London Heathrow to your London hotel.
 Day 3 – LONDON. Full day London Tour (see details below)
 Day 4 – LONDON. Day at leisure in London.
 Day 5 – CANTERBURY/BRIGHTON. Depart on our coach from the hotel after breakfast for excursions to Canterbury and Brighton. Journey to your hotel early evening.
 Day 6 – SALISBURY/STONEHENGE. Full day excursion. Stonehenge visitor ticket included.
 Day 7 – CAMBRIDGE. Full day excursion. Walking tour included.
 Day 8 – BATH. Full day excursion. Optional Bath Thermae Spa experience.
 Day 9 – OXFORD AND THE COTSWOLDS. Full day excursion.
 Day 10 (Sunday) – LONDON. Journey back to London Heathrow for your flight home to BWI. (arrive Sunday at BWI)

Features to be Included:

Round trip airline service from BWI to London via British Airways. All current taxes and fuel surcharges are included. Taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change. Airport transfers and all bus transportation. 8 nights Lodging all Britain trip tour - 3 nights in London and the 5 nights in the delightful British countryside village of Farnham. FULL Breakfast is included daily. Enjoy evening village pub life and inexpensive meals in a delightful English market town. Emergency repatriation and medical insurance is included.

Guided Full Day Tour of London on Sunday (Includes all admission)

Panoramic tour of London, including Parliament Square, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey, Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace *, Thames River Cruise, Guided Tour of Tower of London and time to explore, See the magnificent Crown Jewels, First-class luxury Motor-coach and the services of a professional guide.



Winter Park 2010

Twenty nine Snow Searchers had a fabulous trip to Winter Park, CO. Unfortunately, one person became ill at the last moment and was unable to go.

For those of you not familiar with Winter Park, it is the oldest ski area in Colorado. It is located about 30



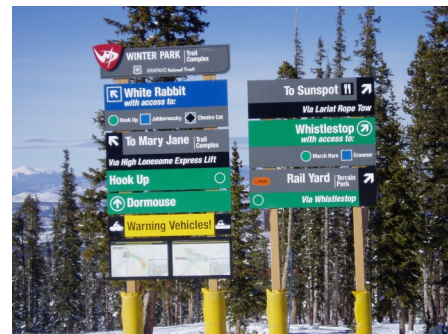
miles north of I-70 before you get to Georgetown and the Eisenhower Tunnel. The resort has four mountain tops, but the most famous are Winter Park and Mary Jane. In total, there are over 3,000 acres of skiing, and Mary Jane is rated number one for bumps and moguls in the US. Almost all the lifts at the resort are high-speed quads or six-packs.

We departed on Sunday, January 24th and returned on Saturday, January 30th giving us five full days of skiing. Our flights were both afternoon flights, so we had no early morning departures and were on Southwest Airlines, so we had no extra baggage fees.

We had five days of good to great skiing. The first day was the only non-great day. There was a low cloud ceiling, wind and the high temperature was in the teens. We skied the lower part of the mountain and nobody went up to ski the Parsenn Bowl. Ten of the group went on the mountain tour. This was recorded for posterity on a webcam. Don Gubser and Tiffany Deliberto have copies and will be editing out the dead spots.

The four remaining days were mostly sunny, and clear with high temperatures near 30 degrees. One of those days welcomed us with a little more than four inches of fresh powder.

There were plenty of dining options at Winter Park. We had a buffet dinner on Monday night. There was bus service into town, so many people went to dine at various spots. On Friday night, a group went up to the Sunspot Restaurant at the top of Winter Park mountain. There was a full moon and cloudless night, so they had a very scenic ride up and down in the gondola. Everyone had a very good time and we were welcomed home at BWI with four to five inches of fresh snow on our cars.





SNOW SEARCHERS SKI CLUB NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Oct 1, 2009 thru Sept 30, 2010

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street

City State Zip

PHONE: _____
Home Work Cell

E-MAIL: _____

NRL CODE: _____ BLDG/ROOM _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: (\$20)

Send My Mailings to:

___ NEW MEMBER ___ RENEWAL

___ EMAIL Address

___ REGULAR (NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

___ NRL Address

___ Home Address

___ ASSOCIATE (NON-NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

(Associate members have no voting privileges and may not hold any office.)

All memberships are family memberships. A family is defined as husband, wife and children under the of age 21.
List names of family members below and their email addresses if they would like club mailings

MAKE CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20.00 PAYABLE TO SSSC AND MAIL TO:

MIKE ASBERY, NRL CODE 5731.50 or

Mike Asbery 7753 Lowmoor Rd Springfield, VA 22513

Skiing can be a hazardous activity. The Snow Searchers Ski Club, Inc., its Board of Directors, and its trip leaders will take all possible precautions to assure you, your family members, and your guests safe and enjoyable outings, including outings other than skiing. However, because of the numerous variable factors involved, the undersigned member, parent or guardian absolves the Snow Searchers Ski Club, Inc., its Board of Directors, and its trip leaders from any liability in the event of an accident or injury to the signee, any family members or any persons for whom the signee is a guardian, whose names are shown on this form. The signee must be 21 years of age or older.

Member

Date

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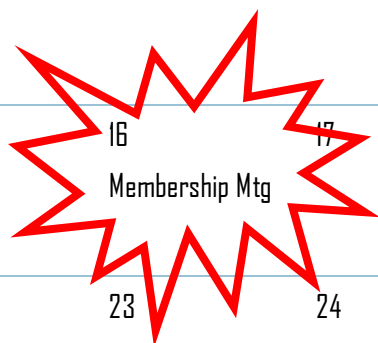


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February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27



Sunday River Trip